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Dear Madam Ms. Phillips:

I think it very important to grant in-state tuition to children of immigrants. I also support the DREAM Act for children of immigrants. As an immigration attorney, I have had many encounters with immigrants, both legal and illegal. Their children appreciate the opportunities afforded by their life in the United States. They do exceptionally well academically; they are focused and work hard to obtain good grades in school. Many graduate at the top of their class only to be stymied by the high cost of tuition that prohibits them for continuing in school. Charging this class of students higher tuition is unfair and mean. Instead of supporting their ambition and desire to further their education so that they can become contributing members of society, Connecticut law holds them back. This is unproductive with no social benefit. The better educated the people of Connecticut, the less burden on social welfare programs. Moreover, most of my clients and their parents are paying both federal and state income taxes and paying into the social security system.

I am hopeful that the federal government will act to legislate in favor of real immigration reform; in the meantime, I support the proposal of in-state tuition for foreign born children. benefit on in-state tuition.

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